

Report to the Legislature
Capital Projects Advisory Review Board

January 31, 2006

The 2005 Legislature created the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (Board) under ESHB 1830 (RCW 39.10.800 and 39.10.810) to review Alternative Public Works Contracting Procedures and provide guidance to state policymakers on ways to further enhance the quality, efficiency, and accountability of public works contracting methods.

Following the 2005 Legislative Session, Board members were recruited and appointed. The new Board held its first meeting in September 2005. Since then, the Board has met monthly, and a website was set up to provide information to the Board and its stakeholders.

After appointing a chair, the Board concentrated on determining what it felt was the most important issues to address to accomplish the legislated mission. A strategic plan was developed, subcommittees were established, and the Board began addressing issues and concerns. Timing for the work of the Board is driven by the schedule of the legislative sessions. We are preparing the majority of our recommendations for the 2007 session.

The Board has established three subcommittees to address the following topics:

- Reauthorization of RCW 39.10, Alternative Public Works Procedures, beyond the existing July 1, 2007 sunset.
- Exploring expansion of alternative public works to include additional users, additional project types and sizes, and additional contracting methods.
- Collecting and analyzing public works project data to support policy decisions and recommendations.

The Board has also committed to having a subcommittee work on industry-wide issues, to include issues regarding traditional public works contracting methods, following substantial work by the first three subcommittees.

The Board is preparing to make a recommendation to the legislature for the 2006 Session regarding authorization of additional K-12 school projects for using the GC/CM contracting method. Additional funding support for the Board may be requested during the 2006 Session by the House and Senate Board members.

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